

# TEAM 19!

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**Maj. Gen.  
Jeanette K. Edmunds**

Greetings Team 19 soldiers and leaders! This past month was a challenging one for Team 19 and all of Korea with Typhoon Maemi wreaking incredible damage across the peninsula. The typhoon destroyed homes, businesses, farms, autos, and damaged our Army installations as well.

But it is precisely during such crisis events that the true character of Team 19 soldiers comes out. In the aftermath of Typhoon Maemi, hundreds of soldiers volunteered to assist with the clean-up and recovery operations. All across the peninsula, you came out by the busload and helped clean up the devastation wrought by this terrible storm. You helped rebuild farmers' greenhouses, removed rubble, and carried away overturned trees and branches, among many other achievements. Your dedication and self-sacrifice reflect the highest values of the U.S. Army and America. I applaud each of you for your efforts in that superb endeavor.

Now that October is here and we have our new budget for the fiscal year, the maneuver units across the peninsula begin their

heavy field training schedules. I know Team 19 soldiers will be there to support them every step of the way, ensuring parts, fuel, food, and personnel assets are at the right place at the right time. Training is our business and ensuring the success of the maneuver commander is our over-riding imperative.

One of our stated goals in Team 19 is to increase our efficiency and effectiveness by leveraging available technologies. To this end, we have recently established a Team 19 intranet site that will enable us to publish training schedules, personnel and supply statuses, and massive amounts of other information much more efficiently and promptly than we could heretofore. This will help push us down the road of using technology to our advantage in our goal of providing the fastest, highest quality support possible to our supported units.

Another key goal we all share is maintaining positive relations with the military of our host nation. Several 19<sup>th</sup> TSC units are involved in joint training exercises with ROKA units in October and November. One such event is a Truck Rodeo competition which will pair up ROKA soldiers with U.S. soldiers in vehicle driving competitions and sporting events. I vigorously applaud these training events that do much to bring us closer to our host nation and its military.

Finally, I would just like to ask all of us to take a few moments to remember our fallen comrades on Veterans' Day, November 11. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001, less than a month after the 11 September terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, U.S. forces struck back against the terrorists on their home turf by attacking the Taliban government of Afghanistan. Since that time, our nation has been continuously at war battling terrorist cells and the governments that sponsor them in Afghanistan and Iraq. The fighting continues and we must always be conscious of the struggles our brothers-in-arms face daily in the midst of a determined, ruthless enemy. Keeping these thoughts in mind will remind us of the urgency and importance of training rigorously in all we do. Team 19!



**Cover Photo**  
(Photo by Cpl. Kim, Yoon-il)  
Pfc. Seneika Blair of the 473rd Quartermaster Company setting up a 12-head shower unit.

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# Soldiers clean up after Typhoon Maemi



(From left to right) Churcci Kim and David Kim, Taegu American School 6th graders, are picking up plastic sheeting waste. Spc. Ana Cruz from 55th Theater Support Command (Materiel Management Center), unscrews a bolt to disassemble struts. Joo-hwan Choi, Doo-hwan Choi, and Seung-min Lee, students from Daegu Health College, cut a damaged water hose at a green house damaged by Typhoon Maemi.

## Story and photos by Spc. Tricia O. Ortiz, Pfc. Han, Won-jong

Soldiers, family members, civilians and students volunteered to help farmers recover their farms destroyed by Typhoon Maemi at Kyongsan and Guji, Dalksung County in Daegu.

The volunteers were soldiers from 19<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command, 55<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command (Materiel Management Center), 36<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, 728<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion, 176<sup>th</sup> Finance Battalion and KATUSA soldiers. There were also students from Daegu American School, Daekyung College and Daegu Health College.

They helped clean up "jangmobans"-agricultural joint farms own by various families. They rebuilt green houses destroyed by the typhoon, disassembled crushed struts of vinyl houses and removed damaged water supply pipes.

Many houses and farmlands were torn down and flooded after the typhoon, leaving owners with high cost damages, said Song, Jung-hee, an owner of the farm.

According to her, it would have taken them

about 10 days to clean up and rebuild the green houses.

"We are so thankful for their voluntary work here and I don't know how to thank them," Song said.

She said they had not been hit by a typhoon in five years.

"It used to be only the plastic covers blown away, but not as serious as to have broken the steel pipes this year," she said.

"Our town has been getting many volunteers, but this is the first time that U.S. soldiers came to the site helping out cleanup. Although we did not expect such support, it is a great help. This is a good opportunity to get to know each other and introduce actual circumstances of rural community," said Gil-su Kim, president of Guji Agriculture Union.

Volunteers, wearing happy face t-shirts, were delighted that they volunteered to support and help the victims.

"We had fun! I am just glad to help out the community," said Dale Jones Jr., a 6<sup>th</sup> grader from Daegu American School.

"It is good to do volunteer work and help those in need as well as to be good ambassadors," said Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class John Hardy, noncommissioned officer from 19<sup>th</sup> TSC.



Soldiers help clean up greens houses destroyed by Typhoon Maemi in Daegu.



Pvt. Anthony Basurto and Pfc. Jay Stone from 36<sup>th</sup> Signal Bn. help clean up after the Typhoon Maemi.

"It was something new that most of us have never experience before, but we were glad that we volunteered," said Pvt. Lachelle Storms, a volunteer soldier from 19<sup>th</sup> TSC.

Song said, "I have never seen so hard working people before. I am truly very grateful for their work here."



(left) Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class John Hardy, noncommissioned officer from 19<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command, helps turn down the greenhouses damaged by the Typhoon Maemi in Daegu.



## 23rd Chemical Battalion helps Christian Church feed homeless



**Ko, Sung-goo, pastor of the Balunson Christian Church, and volunteers pray with the homeless before serving them a meal.**



**Homeless getting their daily meal provided by the church.**

### Story and photos by Spc. Tricia O. Ortiz

"Giving is better than receiving," said Pvt. Joseph Barlow, volunteer soldier from Camp Carroll. "I feel good helping others. Whenever you do something from the kindness of your heart it gives you a great sense of accomplishment," he said.

Soldiers from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Chemical Battalion in Camp Carroll volunteered to help a Christian church feed homeless in Busan. They brought donations, such as rice, to the church.

The Balunson Christian Church in Busan feeds about 200 homeless everyday. This

church is more than a church to the community because it is a shelter for 70 people and gives some of these homeless a place to work. They serve 3 meals a day at the church and one big meal at the Busan Port.

"This community service allows us to help others in need," said Chaplain (Capt.) Ralph Bieganeck, 23<sup>rd</sup> Chemical Battalion chaplain. "As a chaplain, I want to reach out and build a relationship with the Korean community," said Bieganeck.

Ko, Sung-goo, pastor of the church was happy to have the soldiers come out to help out. The pastor thanked Chaplain Bieganeck for his concern for his church.



**Homeless eating the daily meal provided by the church at Busan Pier.**

## 19<sup>th</sup> TSC Logistics Excellence Award starts new this quarter

### Story and photos by Capt. Carlos Valenzuela-Durr Commander of HHC, 19<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command



**501<sup>st</sup> Chemical Company getting inspected for the 19<sup>th</sup> TSC Logistic Excellence Award competition.**

With the start of a new quarter comes the opportunity for a fresh start in the competition for the Logistics Excellence Award. In July, all units started afresh with a chance to earn the 19<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command Logistics Excellence Award that recognizes excellence in Combat Service Support operations. If you want proof that hard work pays, all you have to do is to take a look at some of the awards presented during the September's Monthly Maintenance Review. Maj. Gen. Jeanette Edmunds presented the 501<sup>st</sup> Chemical Company with two checks totaling \$6,000 in winnings. It was this company's third consecutive win and the Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2003 winner. In addition to this valuable reward, the 501<sup>st</sup> Chemical Company also received a total of three training holidays and the Logistics Excellence Award streamer. There were a total of nine winners for the 19<sup>th</sup> TSC Logistics Excellence Award and seven of these were second consecutive winners.

Congratulations are in order to the following organizations: HHC, 20<sup>th</sup> Area Support Group; 4<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Detachment; HHD, 23<sup>rd</sup> Chemical Bn.; 61<sup>st</sup> Chemical Company; 62<sup>nd</sup> Chemical Company; 267<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company; 501<sup>st</sup> Chemical Company; HHC, 6<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Bn., and HHC, 501<sup>st</sup> Corps Support Group.

The following organizations distinguished themselves even further by being second consecutive winners: HHC, 20<sup>th</sup> Area Support Group; 4<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Det.; HHD, 23<sup>rd</sup> Chemical Bn.; 61<sup>st</sup> Chemical Company; 62<sup>nd</sup> Chemical Company; 267<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company and 501<sup>st</sup> Chemical Company.

First time and second consecutive winners received a Logistics Excellence Award plaque. In addition, second consecutive winners received a training holiday and the Commanding General's Coin for individual(s) nominated by the unit's command.



# RSG takes care of all KATUSA soldiers



Republic of Korea Army Support Group KATUSA soldiers taking a break to discuss some issues, which may benefit them as well as other KATUSA soldiers including those assign to the 19th Theater Support Command.

## Story and photo by Cpl. Kim, Yoon-il

The Korean Augmentation to the United States Army soldiers, who also work with the U.S. Army here in Korea, play an important role in both the Republic of Korea army and U. S. Army. Many units depend on their KATUSA resources to accomplish their missions and goals. However, few people are aware of who takes care of the KATUSA personnel status.

The ROKA Support Group, also known as RSG, located on Yongsan post, is the main headquarters for all ROKA support offices throughout Korea.

On May 11, 1965, General Hamilton, then the commanding general of 8th U.S. Army, requested 155 liaison officers to support and manage KATUSA personnel administration. On November 1, 1986, the ROKA Support Group was formally founded with area support groups located in five different areas on the Korean peninsula.

"I was very fortunate to be selected to work here as the command sergeant major of the RSG. Coming from a background of 20 years in the ROK army, it was a totally different experience to work with our fellow U.S. soldiers," said Command Sgt. Maj. Park Sung-ki, RSG sergeant major.

He has worked with the RSG staff now for two years and knows the importance of the KATUSA soldiers are for the U.S.-Korean alliance.

"I'm very proud of the hard work my soldiers put in to ensure that their peers are protected and helped during their service in the Army," Park said.

The main role and mission of the RSG is to support and protect the welfare of all KATUSA soldiers as well as accomplish liaison officers' missions throughout the USFK. The RSG has 41 personnel and is divided into seven different offices, which manage everything for KATUSA soldiers, from leaves and passes, to finance and public affairs.

"When you first become a KATUSA soldier you wonder what you are going to accomplish and learn during your time in the Army. I learned how to treat other and the importance of respect. The soldiers we take care of are KATUSAs just like us. Working together has brought us closer and we treat each other like family," said Sgt. Lee, Joon-ho, noncommissioned officer in charge of the KATUSA RSG's personnel management.

The KATUSA soldiers working in the RSG take their work very seriously since it is the welfare of not only themselves, but also the welfare of five thousand other KATUSAs that they must take care of as well.

"After I retired from the army, I wish to obtain a job in the government. I was worried about the work environment since I have lived in the states for many years. However, after working here at the RSG for two years have helped me learn how the Korean society works," said Sgt. Joo Bi-ho, commander's aid of RSG.

"Many of the KATUSA soldiers are bright young men who come from elite background. Some have college degrees and others are working to get one. They are valuable resources that will become the future leaders of Korea. Leadership is very important in any society and I really hope our soldiers learn the real meaning of leadership and apply it wisely once they get out into the real world," said Park.

# 'In the know' about Community Relations



No, Won Hyun is translating for Maj. Gen Jeanette K. Edmunds, 19th TSC commanding general, during a Korean-American Friendship Dinner at Daegu EXCO convention center.

## Story by Pfc. Han, Won-jong

Five years after the armistice brought an end to bitter fighting between North and South Korea, South Korea was ravaged by recession. The Busan of 1958 – into which No, Won Hyun, 19<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command community relations officer, was born – did not have much in common with the Busan of today. Housing and schools needed to be rebuilt as well as people's lives. No one would recognize this prosperous port city as it was back then – like a newborn colt struggling to stand but unable to find solid footing amid the wreckage of war. Still, some things have remained the same and then, as now, there were soldiers.

In the recession-torn city, a young boy saw U.S. soldiers sharing candy, the most coveted of all childhood treats, with neighborhood children – that boy was young No who now says the soldiers' random acts of kindness left an indelible impression on him. Though hostilities in the form of all out war never came in the

fifty years since the armistice was signed, Korean and American troops have continued building a military partnership and it is the efforts of people like No who, through community relations, contributes developing and maturing that partnership.

No's contributed to the World Peace Campaign by serving as the vice president of the National College Association of People to People International, founded by the hero of WWII and the 34<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America, Dwight Eisenhower, and as the president of the Young Nam Regional Association. In addition, while serving as the president of the Ulsan Institute of Technology student government, No was able to improve his leadership skills through many experiences of teamwork. Based on his early impression of U.S. soldiers as a child and his experiences working and interacting with U.S. soldiers while in college, No felt friendly toward U.S. soldiers.

Upon graduating from college, as No was preparing himself for graduate school, he realized the importance of self-development and learning English and decided to apply for the KATUSA program.

In 1982, the first KATUSA qualification test had been added to the application process. Men of all ages were eligible, but each had to pass three subject tests: English, Ethics and Korean History. At the time, the acceptance ratio was approximately 200:1. Hence, many young men envied KATUSAs. "Reminiscing back, I believe it was fate - the U.S. soldiers I saw growing up as a child, the coincidental opportunity to interact with more U.S. soldiers in college, completing my KATUSA program and my current job. Everything has a common base benefit of strengthening the Korean-American allied relationship. I believe my natural flow of direction toward English background has an impact on the connections between my previous experiences and my current status.

"One of the most valuable memories I gained from my service as a KATUSA soldier is I had the privilege to learn English, which helped me greatly to get a job offer on base right after my service. Also I met my wife when I was a KATUSA soldier. When I was in the Army, I exerted

myself as a translator during ROK-U.S. joint exercises such as Team Spirit Exercise and Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration Exercise receiving a Meritorious Commendation Medal from the governor of Florida for assisting the Florida National Guard. When I was working at S-3, Col. Raymond J. Morin Jr., commander of Camp Hialeah, asked me to work for the 8<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army," said No.

Afterwards he served as an inspector at Directorate of Public Works, public information officer at 34<sup>th</sup> Area Support Group, community relations officer at 20<sup>th</sup> ASG and has been the community relations officer at the 19<sup>th</sup> TSC since 1994.

No is responsible for improving the image of Korea by providing and promoting the most precise Korean history and culture to the military community in the Daegu area for the purpose of promoting friendship and hospitable relationships. In addition, he is responsible for working with the orphanage and leading the English tutoring service to Daegu City Hall public services personnel, Gyung-san Middle School, branch Elementary School of Daegu Education University and the people of Daegu. Last year, he extended the English tutor service to include World Cup volunteers. No said, "My current job suits me well because I bring happiness to others. I believe my opportunity with the KATUSA program has led me to my destined career.

"As a proud KATUSA soldier, I always gave it my best effort for the better of my intrinsic value and for the purpose of educating U.S. soldiers about the Korean culture and history. I believe it is crucial to establish a strong confidence level of English language and to build a strong Korean-American relationship for national patriotism and protection of our freedom and peace.

"It is desirable to not only concentrate on growth of individual's intrinsic value, but also learn the spirit of teamwork. I hope KATUSA soldiers function as diplomats to facilitate better understanding of Korea and Korean people for U.S. soldiers and to improve the good relationship we already have. KATUSA soldiers are capable enough to provide opportunity so when U.S. soldiers return to their homes they can share friendship and a bond we built together with more people," No said.



# Turtles feed on tender care by 19th TSC food specialist

**Story and photos by Spc. Tegan Kucera, 111th Press Camp  
Nebraska Army National Guard**

Turtles are not only found in pet shops, but in the Army as well.

Concealed within the beauty of the pond on Camp Henry there are several turtles to be spotted. Although it is hard to see through the murky water due to the filter clogged fountain, the pond is a sight of peaceful tranquility. One dining facility worker has made it his duty to ensure the turtles are fed and thrive.

Il Yong Kwan, a Korean national, is a food service worker at the dining facility. Each day he feeds the turtles and fish.

Kwan has been working for the Army for 25 years. Before working at the dining facility he worked at the officers club. He enjoys his job and has only the best attitude toward the Army.

He lives off post where his only pets are fish. He is very generous when it comes to the animals he looks after. Kwan said he started ten years ago by feeding birds and then small animals.

When he started feeding turtles, he first fed

one at a time - soon they all trusted him enough to gather at his feet to be fed.

"I have been feeding animals for a long time and I'd like to see the turtles grow up. I see it as a charity," said Kwan.

He feeds the turtles and fish chicken and bread. He found those seemed to be favored by both as opposed to other foods he has tried in the past.

He calls the fish and the turtles by lightly splashing the water with his fingers - the fish are the first to come and then the turtles slowly gather around.

Kwan has many pets in the pond; he says 15-20 turtles inhabit the pond. With that many watching out for the turtles has been a challenge. There have been times when the turtles have climbed out to explore and he has to put them back.

Kwan said he doesn't want anything to happen to them. They trust him enough to let him clean them.

"I first only fed the turtles, then I caught one and cleaned it off by taking the leaves out of it's shell, and even so they still came back for the food and that is how they came to be my pets," Kwan said.

When Kwan cannot feed the turtles, Pfc. Nicholas Sachek a Food Service Specialist at the dining facility helps out, but Kwan said it is not necessary to feed them every day.

Everyone who works there seems to get some pleasure out of having the turtles around.

Staff Sgt. Leslie Pollacci the Food Operations Sergeant at the Dining Facility liked to sit on the benches and look out over at the pond.

She says the first time she saw Kwan feeding the turtles it looked like he was



**Kwan, Il Yong, a food service worker removes leaves and excess dirt from the turtles he has adopted as pets.**

testing the water. She was surprised when she saw all the turtle heads popping up out of the water and more so when they all were gathering up at his feet wanting food.

Kwan doesn't think what he does is anything more than a charity, but for the turtles it's more.

No one knows for sure where the turtles came from, but they have been in the pond for three years Kwan said. He wasn't sure if he should feed the turtles, but when he observed they were not being fed, he took it upon himself to rectify the matter.

"Even if they are just small animals they still need to be fed and that is why I feed them because I don't want them to starve," said Kwan.



**Yong feeds a turtle leftover bread.**

# 473rd Quartermaster Company provides best laundry services in Theater



Spc. Joseph Waalewyn, Sgt. Martha Miranda and Pfc. Gema Acosta, all soldiers from the 473rd Quartermaster Company do preventive maintenance, check and services to one of the Laundry Advance Systems before starting it up.

## Story and photos by Cpl. Kim, Yoon-il

The 19<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command has many units located throughout the Korean peninsula. Some units are massive, and well-known, while others who also do outstanding jobs, are not well-recognized because of their small size. One of these low profile units is the 473<sup>rd</sup> Quartermaster Company located on Camp Kyle.

The 473<sup>rd</sup> Quartermaster Company was constituted on July 5, 1945 in the Army of the United States as the 4241<sup>st</sup> Quartermaster Service Company and activated in France. It was later redesignated April 15, as the 473<sup>rd</sup>

Quartermaster Service Company and allotted to the Organized Reserve Corps. On September 27, 1951, it was redesignated as the 473d Quartermaster Subsistence Supply Company; then withdrawn from the Organized Reserve Corps and allotted to the Regular Army. Finally the unit was redesignated as the 473<sup>rd</sup> Quartermaster Company on April 1, 1954.

The 473<sup>rd</sup> is in charge of all laundry and shower support from the sea to the Demilitarize Zone and has a little over 100 soldiers in the unit.

"This is my fourth tour here in Korea and all four times I have worked here at Camp Kyle."

We have just changed our laundry machine from the M85, an older laundry system, to the Laundry Advance System. While the M85 could only do 60 pounds of laundry at one time, the LADS has two containers that are able to do about 200 pounds of laundry at once. In addition, the LADS can wash and dry laundry simultaneously and recycle water that was used during the previous laundry," said Sgt. William J. Teale, 473<sup>rd</sup> Quartermaster Company.

"When you go into the field and do laundry and provide shower systems for the fellow soldiers, you see the instant gratification in the soldiers which motivates myself





Spc. Ariel Mendez of the 473rd Quartermaster Company coming out of the gas chamber during their field exercise.



Spc. Joseph Waalewyn of the 473rd Quartermaster Company ensuring proper fill of drums before starting the washing cycle.



The Laundry Advance System, known as the LAD getting inspected.

to work even harder for the welfare of the soldiers," said Sgt. Teale.

While the 473<sup>rd</sup> brings a smile to the soldiers faces by cleaning worn out dirty uniforms, they also provide soldiers with shower systems.

"We use a shower system that gets 5000 gallons of water pumped into a heater system that controls the temperature of the water used. For any training exercise, one of these shower systems is enough to shower a whole battalion. Twelve people go into

individual slots in the shower system and are ensured a kind of privacy that is usually hard to come by in the field. It's always a good feeling when soldiers come out of the shower and say thanks," said Pfc. Randy Watson, laundry and textile specialist, 473<sup>rd</sup> Quartermaster Company.

"I've been here at this unit for more than two years and I've seen it grow to the finest. In the beginning we had our up and downs having the shower and laundry unit divided. But ever since we have been integrated into one unit, we have progressed into an outstanding unit. A lot of people don't even know the army has a laundry and shower unit. Even though that may be so, our soldiers do a superb job to provide the services that units need in the field and take a major role in the army," said Staff Sgt. Courtney A. Brown, orderly room non-commissioned officer, 473<sup>rd</sup> Quartermaster Company.

"Our unit provides a great service that enhances the morale and welfare not only during wartime but also during field training exercises. The 473<sup>rd</sup> soldiers are proud of their mission and they enjoy seeing supported soldiers walk away clean with a smile on their faces," said Cpt. Melvin E. Wrightsk Jr., commander of the 473<sup>rd</sup> Quartermaster Company.



# 23rd Chemical BN ‘adopts’ local school



Chaplain (Capt.) Ralph L. Bieganeck chats with Kwon Su-jin, a student at Seok Jeon Middle School in Waegwan, following the signing of a partnership agreement between the school and the 23rd Chemical Battalion at Camp Carroll. (Photo by Pak Chong-ku)

## Story by Galen Putnam Area IV Public Affairs Command Information Officer

When it comes to being a good neighbor in the Republic of Korea, the 23rd Chemical Battalion here doesn't mince words – rather, the battalion helps teach words, and more, to local schoolchildren.

The battalion recently entered into a unique partnership with Seok Jeon Middle School in Waegwan in which soldiers from the battalion are teaching students not only the English language but American history and culture as well.

“The partnership agreement entered into today is far more than mere words on paper,” said Lt. Col. William Barnett, commander, 23rd Chemical Battalion, at the partnership ceremony held at the school Sept. 4.

“It is a commitment and bond between two great nations. I deeply respect and live by the Korean philosophy ‘Un Hang Ilchi’ which translates to ‘words and deeds are one.’ I challenge all of us,

student and soldier, to commit to making our friendship tie more than ceremony, far more than simply words – that we make our words and deeds one.”

School officials are thankful for the English language skills the battalion's soldiers are providing.

“Only a school located in a big city or a luxurious private middle school will have a native-language English teacher,” said Lee Kang-Hae, principal, Seok Jeon Middle School. “We are a very small school and now we have good native English teachers. The parents are very interested in this program.”

Besides the language skills the students are acquiring, everyone involved with the program has something to gain according to Chaplain (Capt.) Ralph L. Bieganeck, 23rd Chemical Battalion, chaplain.

“Some soldiers don't have many casual opportunities to interact with Koreans and that goes for the students as well,” he said. “This gives everyone an opportunity to meet, talk and mingle. It encourages interaction and highlights common interests. It makes the two groups more real to one

another.”

Besides academics, interaction is a key component of the program.

“Principal Lee worries that the younger generation is biased and he wants them to learn about the ROK-U.S. alliance,” said Capt. Park Ki-chul, Republic of Korea Army liaison officer, 23rd Chemical Battalion, who helped coordinate the program.

“The soldiers not only teach English but about the Korean War and our alliance. The program is also designed to show U.S. culture and history.”

Early indications are the partnership is off to a good start.

“This is an opportunity for us to give something back to the Waegwan community for all the things they have done for us,” said Maj. Sergio Dickerson, executive officer, 23rd Chemical Battalion.

“The feedback from the children has been very positive. This is a new school so it is an opportunity for us to start on the ground floor so to speak. It is important to make a good impression at an early age.”



# Musical performance gives legend of bell



At the 2003 Gyungju World Cultural Expo, the Korean history musical of the divine bell was filled with a dynamic musical composition and rhythmic movements.

**Story by 2nd Lt. Melanie Meyer**  
**Photos by Sgt. John Phalen**  
**135th Mobile Public Affairs Det.**  
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At the 2003 Gyungju World Cultural Expo, the Korean history of the divine bell was performed. Cha, Won-ju, a twenty three year old Daegu resident from Kyungbook National, explained the history of the Emile Bell. The narrative is filled with a dynamic musical composition and rhythmic movements that tell the story of the Divine Bell of Great King Songdok of the Silla Kingdom.

"The sound of the bells makes us feel peaceful," said Cha Won-ju. "It means that great fortune will come." Traditional Korean percussion instruments accompany the dances, as varied stage settings and special effects set the scene for the millennium-old story of faith, freedom and safety.

The Divine Bell, also known as the

Emile Bell, is a national treasure for the people of South Korea. According to Cha, Won-ju the legend goes that over a millennium ago, King Song-dek thought that if he could produce the perfect bell it would prevent the invasions of any other country. After many failures, the king passes away and the duty falls of his son, King Kyuag-dek. King Kyuag-dek struggles to find the perfect material for such a divine bell and blames himself for all the mishaps that have come upon his country. When King Kyuag-dek dies, his son King He-Kong who is very young gets a bad forecast that they are going to be invaded soon. He knows that he must hurry to make the bell that chimes the perfect sound to keep his land peaceful.

King He- Kong prays to Buddha for guidance and Buddha sends a Wolmaeng Monk to relay the message that they must pick a small child to sacrifice for the making of the bell. The monk believes that



Actors give a musical performance of the legend of 'Emile Bell' at the Culture Expo.

if they throw a child in the boiling water then it will make the perfect ring for the bell. There is much controversy over the sacrifice of such a small child. Many people believe that since the king is so young he cannot be left with this decision. They all pray to Buddha for guidance and decide that in the end the child must be sacrificed. For those that worship the Buddha it is believed that when you die, you come back in any form you want. The Koreans believe that the child came back as a white flying horse.

"The bell stands for Buddhism," said Cha -Won-ju, "It means safety and peace for our country."

Although the bell's official name is the Divine Bell of Great King Songdok, it has a nickname based on the legend saying the bell owes its sound to the sacrifice of the artisan's beloved little daughter, who was thrown into the melted bronze, after repeated failures to make it sound. From then on, the bell's ring was said to sound like a baby crying for its mother, hence its nickname, the Emile Bell.

# Baseball legend Tommy Lasorda visits 19th Theater Support Command soldiers



Tommy Lasorda talks with Sgt. Maj. Tony Davis, 19th TSC Support Operations sergeant major, about his baseball expertise at the 20th Area Support Group dining facility in Camp Henry, Daegu.

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Major League Baseball Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda visited soldiers, civilians and family members in Area IV recently at the 20<sup>th</sup> Area Support Group dining facility.

Lasorda sat down with soldiers to thank them for their service in protecting our country.

After a brief major league career as a left-handed pitcher, Lasorda became one of the most enthusiastic and successful managers in baseball

history. Known for his fondness of pasta and pitching, Lasorda led the Los Angeles Dodgers to eight division titles and two World Series Championships in his 20 seasons as manager.

After his retirement, he became an executive for the ball club, working for the LA Dodgers for more than 50 years. He was also the manager of the United States' first-ever gold medal winning team in baseball at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

"I'm proud of the soldiers throughout the world doing their duty to the utmost. I used to be a soldier a long

time ago and I know how it feels to be away from family and friends," Lasorda said. He said, he hopes everyone fulfills their duty without any problems and returns home to their family safe and sound.

After lunch, Lasorda was greeted by Maj. Gen. Jeanette K. Edmunds, commanding general of the 19<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command, before heading off to the Camp Walker Kelly fitness center to meet more soldiers and families living in the Daegu area. Dodgers fans of all ages came to get Lasorda's signature baseball autographs.













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